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Web Announcement 2464

Attention Provider Type 17 (Special Clinics) Specialty 215 (Substance Abuse Agency Model (SAAM)):

Prior Authorization No Longer Required Prior to Psychotherapy Services Being Provided

Effective on claims with dates of service on or after March 31, 2021, prior authorization (PA) will no longer be required prior to services being provided for American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Level 1 services provided by provider type 17 (Special Clinics) specialty 215 (Substance Abuse Agency Model (SAAM)). The impacted procedure codes are H0005, H0038, H0047, 90832, 90834, 90837, 90846, 90847, 90849, 90853, 90839, 90833, 90836, 90838. This change aligns SAAM services with other Behavioral Health services requirements. Please refer to the [Medicaid Services Manual Chapter 400](#) Attachment C Substance Abuse Agency Model Level of Care grid for utilization management and service limitations for these services.

Removing the PA requirement prior to services being required is an effort by the Nevada Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) to allow recipients to receive Substance Use Disorder/Opioid Use Disorder services more rapidly.

Also effective on claims with dates of service on or after March 31, 2021:

- PT 17 specialty 215 may bill code H2011 (Crisis intervention services) with or without modifiers GT (telephonic services) or HT (team services).
- Code H0038 (Self-help/peer services, per 15 minutes - Peer-to-Peer Services) (Use modifier HQ when requesting/billing for a group setting) may be billed for up to 72 units annually prior to a PA being required.